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1. WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR INQUIRIES ON MODE OF APPLICATION OF LIBYAN BOYCOTT AGAINST VESSELS CALLING AT EGYPTIAN PORTS. FURTHER INQUIRY WITH FOREIGN OFFICE PROVED USELESS. A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF SECRETARIAT OF MARITIME TRANSPORT HAS TOLD US THAT BOYCOTT IS APPLIED TO VESSELS ENROUTE TO OR FROM EGYPTIAN PORT DURING VOYAGE IN WHICH VESSEL SEEKS TO STOP IN LIBYA. HE SAID NO REPEAT NO "BLACKLIST" WILL BE KEPT OF VESSELS CALLING AT EGYPTIAN PORTS IN ORDER TO BOYCOTT THEM ON SUBSEQUENT VOYAGES TO LIBYA. HE SAID THAT NO INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BOYCOTT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED, AND THAT TRANSIT OF SUEZ CANAL WOULD NOT INVOKE BOYCOTT.

2. ACCORDING TO OIL INDUSTRY SOURCE, LOCAL OIL
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COMPANIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CLARIFY MATTER ENTIRELY, BUT ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT VESSELS STOPPING IN EGYPT WILL NOT BE BLACKLISTED FOR FUTURE VOYAGES TO LIBYA. IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING SO FAR THAT A TANKER COULD PICK UP A LOAD AT SUMED TERMINAL IN EGYPT, DROP IT IN ITALY, THEN PROCEED TO LIBYAN PORT, BUT COULD NOT TAKE ON OIL IN EGYPTIAN PORT AND THEN PROCEED TO LIBYAN

TERMINAL TO TOP OFF LOAD.

3. INFORMAL INQUIRY WITH PORTS AND LIGHTS EMPLOYEE INDICATES THERE ARE STILL NO WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING BOYCOTT AND THAT NO CASE HAS YET OCCURRED OF ACTION HAVING TO BE TAKEN AGAINST VESSEL CALLING AT TRIPOLI.

4. SUMMARIZING, THERE IS UP TO NOW NO HARD INFORMATION THAT COULD BE USED IN COURT EXCEPT FOR THE ORIGINAL PRO-NOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT REPORTED EARLIER. ON BALANCE, AND CONSIDERING RELIABILITY OF SOURCES THAT HAVE REPORTED CONFLICTING VIEWS ON WHETHER VESSELS CALLING AT EGYPTIAN PORTS WILL BE BOYCOTTED ON FUTURE VOYAGES TO LIBYAN PORTS, WE INCLINE TO VIEW OF MARITIME DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THAT THEY WILL NOT. WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT DEVELOPS.

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